

**ACP to CGHS Pharmacists**

1552. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2290 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th March, 2001 and state:

- (a) whether Additional Director (SZ), CGHS has not been implementing ACP accorded to eligible Pharmacists and extending Financial benefits to them whereas order have already been issued;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether responsibility has since been fixed in the matter;
- (d) by when Government would implement the ACP in respect of said pharmacists;
- (e) whether necessary clarification in respect of Allopathic system of Pharmacists has been received from DGHS/DOPT; and
- (f) if so, by when, Government propose to accord ACP to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No Sir. In fact, the benefit of Assured Career Progression to the Pharmacists (Allopathic) could not be extended so far for want of clarification regarding promotional hierarchy. However, the benefit has already been granted to eligible Pharmacists in respect of ISM&H in this zone.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

(d) to (0 The matter is being pursued to remedy the situation. After the position regarding promotional hierarchy is cleared, the benefit of ACP scheme would be extended to the CGHS Allopathic Pharmacists also.

**Increase in diabetes patients**

† 1553. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of diabetes patients is constantly increasing in the country;
- (b) whether Government are taking any effective measures to check it;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.